



Administrative Report

H.11., File # 24-0401

Meeting Date: 4/2/2024

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TITLE

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3269-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 4-24.507 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE, MODIFYING THE CITY-WIDE BAN ON LEAF BLOWERS TO ALLOW THE USE OF ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWERS DURING CONSTRUCTION HOURS. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Per direction provided by the City Council on February 20, 2024, staff is presenting for second reading and adoption an ordinance to amend the Redondo Beach Municipal Code to allow use of battery-operated leaf blowers during regular construction hours. The Ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 19, 2024. Use of all leaf blowers has been prohibited in Redondo Beach since August 2018.

BACKGROUND

On February 20, 2024, the City Council discussed amending the ban on the use of leaf blowers in Redondo Beach, which has been in place since August 2018.

Battery-operated leaf blowers produce less noise and air pollution from exhaust, when compared to their gas-powered counterparts. The Council, following deliberation, voted to amend the leaf blower ban to allow use of battery-operated devices during normal construction hours, which under the Municipal Code are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

Allowing the use of battery-powered leaf blowers may provide convenience for residents and firms conducting contracted work in the City. The use of battery-operated leaf blowers also has the potential to significantly reduce the amount of time it takes Public Works personnel to collect debris from public right of way and other landscape maintenance areas

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 19, 2024 and approved by City Council on a 4-1 vote with Councilmember Loewenstein dissenting. Attached for second reading and adoption is an Ordinance to revise the Municipal Code per the Council's direction.

COORDINATION

This item was coordinated by the Public Works Department. The City Attorney's Office prepared the

Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the preparation of this item. The modification to the Ordinance will allow Public Works personnel to resume use of mechanized leaf blowers which is expected to save significant staff time during the course of regular maintenance operations.

APPROVED BY:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Ord - No. 3269-24 Amending RBMC Chapter 24, Article 5, Section 4-24.507
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